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SUBJECT: FCIA SPECIAL REQUEST FOR WTDR INFORMALTION ON RUTAM LIMITED

AND

IBRU SEA FOODS LIMITED

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QM BOTH RUTAM AND IBRU SEA FOODS ARE SUBSIDIARIES OF IBRU GROUP, ONE OF NIGERIA'S TOP BUSINESS ENTERPRISES UNDER VIGOROUS LEADERSHIP OF MR. MICHAEL IBRU. FAVOURABLE WTDR'S OF 11/72 AND 7/70, RESPECTIVELY, STILL GENERALLY VALID.

- 2. RUTAM REMAINS SUCCESSFUL AS DISTRIBUTOR OF MACK TRUCKS, CUMMINS ENGINES, AMERICAN MOTORS (JEEP), AVIS RENT-A-CAR, AND OTHER PRODUCT LINE IN MOTOR VEHICHLE FIELD. IF ANYTHING, COMPANY HAS EXPANDED IN LAST TWO YEARS AND WE HAVE NO INDICATION OF CLOUDS ON HORIZON.
- 3. IBRU SEA FOODS CONTINUES TO OPERATE SUCCESSFUL FISHING FLEET OPERATION AND HAS DEVELOPED GOOD CONTRATUAL ARRANGEMENTS WITH BUYERS WORLDWIDE.
- 4. NATURALLY. SUCCESS OR FAILURE OF EACH SUBSIDIARY WILL DEPEND TO SOME EXTENT ON SUCCESS OR FAILURE OF IBRU GROUP AS WHOLE. ALTHOUGH UNCLASSIFIED

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IT WOULD APPEAR THAT IBRU'S ASSETS MUST BE SOMEWHAT OVER-EXTENDED

IN VIEW OF NUMEROUS ENTERPRISES UNDER HIS OWNERSHIP, EMBASSY'S BEST JUDGEMENT IS THAT HE CAN BE DEPENDED UPON TO HONOR COMMITMENTS FOR FORESEEABLE FUTURE.

5. UPDATED WTDR'S FOLLOW IN DUE COURSE. REINHARDT

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